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The Prisoners Ransomed for Ambassador Holleben

The impassy has examined the police dossiers of the 40 prisoners released and flown to Algeria in exchange for the freeing of West German Ambassador Holleben by his kidnappers. The dossiers, which closely correspond to earlier accepance accounts with biographic information on the prisoners, are being forwarded vith the request that a copy be made available to the Department of State. As we reported previously, it appears tist most of the 40 prisoners were active Marxist-inspired terrorists at the time of their arrests, a majority having engaged in associ robbery, several being confessed marderers, and others having been involved in the kidnepping of diplomats. Two typical examples are: Dulce de Souza, who boasted to novemen upon arriving in Algoria that in October 1968 she helped to rawder U. S. Captain Charles Chandler, who was a student at the University of São Paulo; another, Carloc Fayal de Lixa, attempted to bill police quarding several embassies in Rio, including the guard at the embassy of his present host country, Algeria. These examples illustrate the real character of most of the released prisoners, and any attempt by nous or other media to treat them as the impocent or patriotic victims of Brazilian security authorities should be regarded as a distortion of the facts.

Although 38 of the 40 prisoners were released in apparently wood condition (one of the remaining two having been wounded in a shoot-out with arresting police and the other having been injured in an auto accident prior to arrest), this taken as conclusive evidence that tortures of persons effected for subversion by security authorities do not take place, as Government supporters wish to believe. The kidneppers' manifesto published June 13 names nine persons as beving died in Brazilian prisons from tortures. While on occasion similar claims

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of underground elements have been dismroven, the deaths of three of the nine have been reported le bastani proof as to the non-existence of police tortures, the ability of Brazilian security authorities to produce on short notice all 40 prisoners demanded may indicate that the terrorists maintain good information channels into the prisons, which enable them to verify the status of their arrosted commudes. Presumbly up to now the terrorists have not been sufficiently interested in proving the death of an arrested commade to domand his release and thereby possibly jeopardize the entire prisoner exchange. The fact that some important arrested terrorists, such as Claudio Torres, one of the Elbrick kidneppers and a companion of Lamarca, were not included on the release list is thought by some to have reflected knowledge by the kidnappers of their having cooperated with the police. However, it also is possible that they are being left for a future kidnen occasion.

In view of the preponderance of active terrorists on the prisoner release list, it appears that a mander of them may eventually return to Brazil to continue their underground activities. This consideration probably was a major reason for their having been selected for release. Should any of them again be apprehended by Brazilian security forces, however, it is doubtful they would stay alive long enough to be again reasoned. The Second Army prosecutor has openly proposed that the GOB adopt a policy of immediately executing any reasoned political prisoners if they are again found within Brazil. While we doubt that this will become official policy, it could become the actual practice.

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